

Amendments to the Claims:

The claims in the compilation below replace all prior claims in the application.

2. (previously presented) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that said additive comprises 11 to 13.5% by weight of silicon.

3. (previously presented) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the connection body comprises a eutectic mixture of aluminum with approximately 12.5% by weight of silicon.

4. (currently amended) An electric lamp comprising
a light-transmitting lamp vessel,
an electric element in the lamp vessel,
current supply conductors extending to the electric element,
a lamp cap connected to the lamp vessel, which lamp cap has a shell portion and a base portion which each support an electric contact member, each electric contact member and a respective current supply conductor being ~~fused~~ welded or brazed to a discrete solidified connection body wherein only a portion of said discrete connection body and a portion of said contact member, and a different portion of said discrete connection body and a portion of said supply conductor, are parts of integrally formed welded or brazed junctions, wherein said connection body comprises ~~comprising~~ aluminum and an additive, ~~wherein~~ said additive ~~comprises~~ being 5 to 16% by weight of silicon.

5. (previously presented) The electric lamp of claim 4 wherein said solidified connection body consists essentially of aluminum and silicon.